

Program Description

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and cooperating state workforce agencies (in Michigan the Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs)). The program was created to provide benefits and support to workers who become unemployed due to the impact of international trade. The TAA program seeks to provide U.S. workers who are adversely affected by trade with the opportunity to obtain the skills, resources, and support they need to become reemployed.

Eligibility Information

The first step to receiving TAA benefits and services is to file a petition with the U.S. Department of Labor. Petitions may be submitted by:

- Three or more workers in the same firm or company.
- The workers employer
- A union official or other duly authorized representative of such workers or,
- Michigan Works! Agency or State TAA staff.

A petition identifies a worker group at a specific firm or company and covers all individuals in that group. Petitions may be filed on line at www.doleta.gov/tradeact.

If you are a member of a worker group certified by USDOL and are determined to be individually eligible you may be eligible to receive the following benefits and services:

- Employment and Case Management Services
- Training
- Trade Readjustment Allowance
- Health Coverage Tax Credit
- Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance
- Job Search Allowance
- Relocation Allowance

Additional Program Information

Once a company is certified for TAA by USDOL workers will be notified of certification by their local Michigan Works! Agency (MWA). The notification will include an invitation to an orientation on benefits and services available under TAA.

There are 25 MWA's that operate approximately 100 Michigan Works! Service Centers throughout the state of Michigan. For general information or to find a service center near you, you may contact Michigan Works! at 1-800-285-WORKS (9675) or via the internet at www.michiganworks.org

Contact Information

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